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SUBJECT: WEEKLY INTERVIEWS FOR MISA DETAINEES

1. ON AUGUST 31 HOME MINISTER BRAHMANANDA REDDI TOLD THE PARLIAMENTARY CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON HOME AFFAIRS THAT THE GOI HAS INSTRUCTED THE STATES TO ALLOW WEEKLY INTERVIEWS BETWEEN MISA DETAINEES AND MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES AND CLOSE RELATIVES. HE ADDED THAT INTERVIEWS WITH LAWYERS WERE ALSO TO BE PERMITTED. IN ADDITION, THE STATES HAVE BEEN ADVISED TO ALLOW DETAINEES TO SEND LETTERS TO THEIR FAMILIES, AS WELL AS TO THEIR LAWYERS, AS LONG AS THE CONTENT OF THE LATTER IS CONFINED TO PROFESSIONAL CONSULTATION. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, REDDI ALSO TOLD THE COMMITTEE THAT THE CENTER HAD ADVISED THE STATES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MEDICAL FACILITIES FOR THE DETAINEES AND DESCRIBED AS MISCHIEVOUS PROPAGANDA THE REPORTS THAT CHILDREN OF DETAINEES WERE BEING DENIED ADMISSION TO SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

2. COMMENT: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT REDDI'S REASSURANCES TO MP'S ON GENERAL DETAINEES ARE ACCURATE. WE UNDER-

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STAND, HOWEVER, FROM THE AMERICAN WIFE OF MP PILOO MODY

(IN JAIL SINCE JUNE 1975) THAT IT IS BECOMING MORE--NOT
LESS--DIFFICULT FOR HER TO VISIT MODY, THAT THE REGIMEN
AT THE PRISON HAS BECOME STRICTER IN RECENT WEEKS, AND
THAT THE CHECK ON READING AND OTHER MATERIAL SHE BRINGS
WITH HER TO THE PRISON IS INCREASINGLY TIGHT.
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